Statement

Details of irrigation projects and their status of appraisal

Sl. No.	Name of projects	Category	River/ Basin	District Benefited	Date of Receipt	Benefits (Thousand hectare)	Estt. Cost (Rs. Crore)	Status
1.	Kelo Project	Major	Kelo/ Mahanadi	Raigarh	7/03	34.555	235.00 269.70	State to provide compliance to observations of appraising agencies
2.	Rajiv Augmen-tation Scheme (Phase II)	Major i	Mahanadi/ Mahanadi	Raipur	11/04	28.0	127.30	
3.	Sutiapat Reservoir Project	Medium	Silheti/ Seonath/ Mahanadi	Rajnand-gaon	9/02	6.960	46.95	Accepted by the Advisory Committee in its 80th meeting held on 07.02.2003 but awaiting concurrence of State Finance Department for updated cost.

Objections to interlinking of rivers

2966. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received objections from various State Governments regarding interlinking of rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the views of Government to the objections received from the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Most of the States are supportive of the concept of the Interlinking of rivers (ILR) programme, provided it can ensure a "win-win" situation for all States. However, some States have reservations in regard to water

availability in their territory and they do not agree to water surpluses as worked out by NWDA. Some States also have an apprehension that the link proposals may have adverse effects on their existing irrigation and power requirements. Efforts are being made by the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and the Ministry of Water Resources to remove the apprehensions of the States and convince them to come to an agreement on the interlinking of rivers proposals so that preparation of Detailed Project Reports of the links is taken up.

Storage of water in Mullaperiyar Dam in Kerala

2967. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate safety measures are on anvil in dams since water level is raising due to copious monsoon rainfall;

(b) if so, the details of safety measures taken including year of construction, present water-level maximum storage capacity of dams situated in Kerala, as on date category-wise;

(c) whether Government have cleaned up the mouth of the spillway of Mullaperiyar Dam situated in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details including period of latest cleaning and the amount spent for the above, category-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to avoid any calamity due to the increased water storage in Mullaperiyar Dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As reported by the Government of Kerala the following safety measures are taken for the dams owned and operated by Kerala.

- Conducting post-monsoon and pre-monsoon inspection of the dams by the officers in order to assess the condition of the dams.
- Recommendation/suggestions are given to the field officers for urgent rectification works such as repairing of spillway shutters, sluice valves, emergency shutters, removal of vegetation both at upstream and down stream of the dams, etc.